

Steps are being taken to create a safe environment for those who wish to attend, and we want to ensure everyone is informed of the following logistical details to undertake this effort until further notice.

- The obligation to physically attend Mass is still lifted through the time of this pandemic especially for the elderly, their caretakers, the immunocompromised, those who are feeling ill, or those who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You are asked not to attend if you are sick, so that we can continue to protect the vulnerable around us.
- Family units may sit together but must ensure safe distancing of 3 feet between persons and/or other families.
- Masks are now optional at Mass for all parishes within the Diocese of Fort Worth.
- Holy Communion will ONLY be distributed in the hand. When you come up, receive the sacred host in your hand, step away from the Eucharistic Minister, then use one hand to pull your mask down, before picking up the sacred host to consume it.
- We ask all those in attendance or receiving Holy Communion to also wash and/or sanitize their hands upon arriving at the Church. Remember, no holding hands for the "Our Father" and the Sign of Peace is suspended.
- The offertory baskets will not be used during Mass, but instead baskets will be available at the exit doors where you can drop your weekly contributions. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with these efforts.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45pm. Please follow social distancing

### **Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

### ***Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel***

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **LOCAL EVENTS**

# **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 2, 2022

### **CONTACT US**

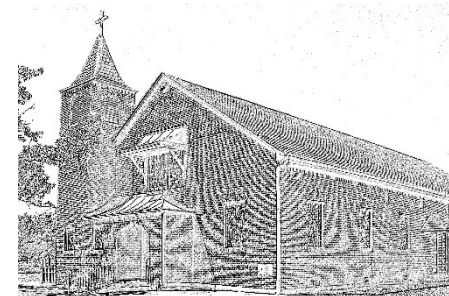
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)  
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

Parish Email: [penelopezatholicchurch@windstream.net](mailto:penelopezatholicchurch@windstream.net)

Parish Website: [nbvm.org](http://nbvm.org)

Diocesan Website: [fwdioc.org](http://fwdioc.org)

A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 10:00 am

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm

**Friday:** 7:00 am

**First Friday:** 7:00 am Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Thursday at 6:00 pm

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
1/2	Sunday	10:00 am	+Martha Sinkule	
1/5	Wednesday	7:00pm	+Cecil Crawley	
1/6	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Jeanne Nicholson	
1/7	Friday	7:00 am	+Mary Chase	
1/9	Sunday	10:00 am	+Barbara Rejcek	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

**Second Collection** – Next week, we will take up a collection for the **Priest Care Fund**. Your support of this collection pays for our priests' medical and long-term care expenses that are not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the **Priest Care Fund** next Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

*The end of the year is here please remember to select your sanctuary and Mass intentions for the New Year. Please contact Janice Chase at Home: (254) 826-3977 Cell: (254) 723-7943 or intentions may be placed in the collection basket. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per intention. PLEASE NOTE: Mass intentions are for one person only and the suggested donation is \$5.00 per intention.*

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Debi Lednicki at (254) 709-6003 for more information.

Next Week's Attendants			
SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Cross: Adrianna Kucera	Treston Esparza	Rodger Chase	Derek Lednicki
Lillie Dudik			Deven Lednicki

**LECTORS and EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** If you are scheduled and you are not comfortable serving during this pandemic, please notify Janice Chase at (254) 723-7943 to have your name temporarily removed. Please remember no volunteers over the age of 65 may serve.

### PRAYER LIST

Abby, Linda	Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Baily, Samuel	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George	Perras, Jean
Bledsoe, Dean	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Roessler, John & Alma
Carlie, Carolyn	Fulton, Eugene	Miller, Jim	Roskos, David
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Short, Meredith
Castleberry, Gladys	Kral, Donna	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Crawley, Danelle	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley		

It is not necessary to be a member of the parish to be added to the list. You will not be put on the prayer list without your permission. **To have anyone added or removed, please contact Janice Chase via phone, text, or email at (254) 723-7943 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."  
(MATTHEW 2:11)*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pop St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**Innocence Lost to Human Trafficking** – Learn the facts and how to safeguard children and adolescents from becoming victims of human trafficking. Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30pm (CDT) via Zoom. Register at [www.fwdioc.org/special-presentations](http://www.fwdioc.org/special-presentations). Dr. Kim Robinson, PhD is a licensed psychologist and an ambassador of Shared Hope International, a nonprofit combatting Human Trafficking. She works part-time at Ranch Hands Rescue, a sanctuary for humans and animals who have experienced trauma. This presentation is for mature audience only.

COLLECTION 12/25-26	
Envelopes	915.00
Loose	\$ 520.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1435.00</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednicki 254-709-6003.  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com)

*(Announcements due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following Sunday)*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977

(Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)